



WEATHER
Rain, snow tonight, Thursday; south
wind of gale force Thursday; high, 56;
low 32.

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6 CHARGED WITH PETTY THEFT

2 Post Bail On Indictments;
Justice Court Defendants
Granted Period Of Grace

Charges of petty theft were preferred in the Justice Court at Georgetown on Tuesday afternoon against six defendants in connection with the investigation of highgrading at the Black Oak mine, it was announced Wednesday morning by District Attorney Henry S. Lyon.

Mr. Lyon said the defendants had all been granted until "sometime today" to post \$500 bail securing their appearances to answer the charges. Date for the hearings was not set.

The district attorney also disclosed that of those indicated earlier in the week by the Grand Jury on charges of grand theft in connection with the same investigation, bail has been posted by Sam Colvin and by William Davey in the amount of \$2,000 each.

The arraignment of the defendants in the Grand Jury indictments probably will not take place until the latter part of the week, he said, since the transcript of the Grand Jury proceedings is rather lengthy and presents a task of some proportions for the court stenographer. It is expected that the transcript may be completed by Friday or Saturday.

It was revealed that other persons are being sought in the case for questioning.

The six named by Mr. Lyon as defendants in petty theft charges in the justice court are Conrad Dixon, Felix Albrethal, Claude Ford, John Miller, A. H. Weller and Harold H. (Jack) Hardy. The Grand Jury meets again on Tuesday.

Lions To Enter Soft Ball Nine

Airlines Passenger Agent
Shows Moving Pictures On
Flying Coast To Coast

Placerville Lions at their meeting Tuesday voted to enter a club in the proposed soft ball league now being formed in the county, and named Lion Jack Rhodes as responsible for getting together a winning aggregation. Lion President Bill Hays was in charge and the entertainment feature of the meeting was a motion picture, "Coast to Coast by Plane," presented by L. Owen Laws, traveling passenger agent for United Airlines.

The picture gave the Lions the advantages of a transcontinental air trip, showing the service conveniences, the airport facilities and the scenic attractions enroute, and proved a highly entertaining and instructive feature.

Lion Rhodes is "scouting" for soft ball players and hopes to develop a Lions team that will show its claws.

County Teachers Meet On Thursday Night

The regular meeting of the County Teachers' Association will be held at Hotel Raffles Thursday night, March 10. The meeting will, as usual, be a dinner occasion and will start at 6:30 o'clock.

According to Kenneth McCoy, of the Buckeye school, president of the association the major portion of the meeting will be devoted to an analysis and discussion of the present Social Studies program.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rhud were visitors on Tuesday evening from Marysville.

Rainfall

July	.....	.00
August	.....	.00
September	.....	.00
October	.....	1.85
November	.....	4.91
December	.....	7.72
January	.....	5.75
February	.....	14.90
March 1	.....	1.40
March 2	.....	1.82
March 3	.....	.09
March 4	.....	.08
March 6	.....	.17
March 7	.....	.33
March 8	.....	.26
Total	.....	39.28

The normal to April 1 is 34.77 inches.



TRIBAL LAW INVOKED — Tribal law of the Seminoles was recently believed invoked when John Billy, 30, reputed bad man, was called outside his Florida cabin and executed with a blast from a shotgun. But the execution later brought the grizzled, partly crippled Chief, John Osceola, aged 78, into the white man's court in Miami, as shown above to answer for the slaying of Billy. The chief, a great-great-grandson of the famed Osceola, was acclaimed by his tribe of fellows.

FOES OF TVA PRESS RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SENATE INQUIRY INTO PROJECT

"Another Teapot Dome Scandal" Seen By New Hampshire
Solon As Norris, Of Nebraska, Declares Statement By
Roosevelt Following Parley Will End Need For Probe

By JOE ALEX MORRIS
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, (U.P.) — Foes of the Tennessee Valley Authority charged today that the administration, fearing scandal, was trying to avoid congressional investigation of TVA.

"From present indications, the TVA may have the making of another Teapot Dome," Sen. H. Styles Bridges, R.-N. H., asserted as he and Sen. William H. King, D. Utah, announced that President Roosevelt's scheduled White House conference with TVA directors would not interfere with their resolution for an inquiry by a senate committee.

Mr. Roosevelt will inquire into the charges of jealousy, maladministration, plotting and neglect of duty hurled against the board, Chairman Arthur T. Morgan directed most of the fire against his two associates. Yesterday Sen. George W. Norris, I. Neb., author of the TVA act, asserted in a senate speech that Morgan was prompted by jealousy.

The President's conference with Morgan and his co-directors, Harcourt A. Morgan and David E. Lilienthal, appeared likely to be the climax of an intra-directorate controversy that has been going on for two years. Mr. Roosevelt said that he would seek only the facts rather than opinions from the directors. Friends of the TVA said that they had nothing to fear by exposure of all the facts.

"If President Roosevelt makes pub-

lic after his conference the text of testimony or statements given him, I think it might end the whole thing without a formal investigation," Norris said after his address.

"All I want is to have the facts brought to light in an impartial manner. If that is done, there is nothing to fear. In that way, we can protect the TVA. I would never seek to protect it by seeking to conceal wrong doing. If it develops that such action is warranted, I will be ready to introduce a resolution of removal of any or all of the directors."

Bridges, who opposes senate acceptance of Norris' resolution for a federal trade commission investigation of TVA, said that he would answer Norris in the senate this afternoon.

"Since congress created the TVA," he said, "it should have the right to be investigating. The only reason they are afraid of an investigation is that they think it might develop into another Teapot Dome scandal."

King said that the White House conference could not effect the resolution for an inquiry.

"The TVA record calls for a full investigation regardless of the President's conference," he said. "I am unwilling to vote another dollar for TVA until I know what is done. I am unwilling to have the TVA destroy our private utilities."

Newtown Native Called At Sacramento

Funeral services for Anthony Marco Bruno, 57, a native of Newtown, this county, who died Sunday at Sacramento, were held on Wednesday afternoon at the capital city and burial was at East Lawn.

Mr. Bruno had engaged in mining and farming in this county prior to removing to Sacramento about twenty years ago where he had, for many years, been an employee of the River Lines, Sacramento River boat operators.

His wife, four daughters, his mother and four brothers, all of Sacramento, survive him.

Eagles To Initiate On Monday Night

The regular meeting of Placerville Aerie No. 889, F. O. E., on Monday night will be the occasion for a special initiation for a class of about six candidates. Worthy President Frank Ward will preside and the meeting will be followed by entertainment and refreshments.

RAIL INQUIRY F. D. R. PLAN

\$270,000,000 Rate Boost
Opens Way For Survey
Problems Of Nation's Lines

WASHINGTON, (U.P.) — The \$270,000,000 annual freight rate increase authorized by the interstate commerce commission opened the way today for a White House inquiry into problems of the nation's railroads.

President Roosevelt said that his projected meeting with leaders of the industry, railway labor, congressional experts and government officials would be held early next week.

Mr. Roosevelt will seek a way for the railroads to solve the economic problems which still exist despite the I. C. C.'s decision granting them a 10 per cent horizontal freight rate boost with exemptions. The railroads had asked a 15 per cent increase.

I. C. C. members made it plain they did not consider the increase a cure for the railroad ills.

The group which meets with Mr. Roosevelt probably will propose a dozen solutions—ranging from additional federal loans to "running them through the wringer of or reorganization" to wipe out excess capitalization. The railroads are capitalized at approximately \$26,000,000,000 and paid \$670,000,000 in interest last year. 28 per cent of the total railway mileage now is in bankruptcy.

The 10 per cent increase applied to all commodities, except agricultural products other than tropical fruits, animals and products not including horses and mules, lumber, shingles, and lath, cottonseed oil and vegetable oils other than linseed oil. On these commodities, a five per cent increase was authorized. The ICC said it would permit an increase of 10 cents per ton on anthracite coal, but no increase was permitted on bituminous coal, coke, lignite and iron ore.

Juniors Name Play Cast

"Aladdin," 2-Act Offering
By Catherine Reigard, To
Be Presented On April 7

The cast for the junior play at the high school for which the date was set as April 7 several weeks ago, was named this week and is in rehearsal under the direction of Thomas Flynn, of the faculty.

The juniors will offer the two-act play, "Aladdin," by Catherine Reigard, with parts assigned as follows:

Guard-Here, Pearn Mahm; Guard-There, Dorothy Matson; Beera, a trading man, Paul Ticksman; Mahu, a strange man from Panchowian on the Pampan, Bill Savers; Aladdin, a Chinese lad, James Ball; Menlik, a little black boy, Helen Brander; Chingling, a little yellow girl, Lucille Kurwitz; Mother Aladdin, Doris Wudell; Princess of Kinah of Cathay, daughter of the Sultan, Isabel Long; Jambars, Jimm of the Ring, Rose Koerner; Jamshid, Slave of the Lamb, Calvin Wright; Sultan Muhibi Akbar, Kenneth Sloan; Merchant, Inez Bongetta; Water Boy, Betty Clark.

The orchestra under the direction of Charles Ball is preparing special numbers for a concert to be given before the play and will provide music between acts.

Tickets will be on sale March 21 and may be purchased from members of the Junior class or from Fox Bros. Drug Store.

Blair's P.T.A. Elects Officers Friday

The regular meeting of the Blair's district P. T. A. will be held at the school building at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, March 11. This is the occasion for the regular election of officers of the association and those in charge hope that there may be a full attendance at the meeting.

Don Goodrich, inheritance tax appraiser, was appointed by the court to inspect and appraise property at Georgetown claimed by Ross Betts, plaintiff, and/or Palmyra Betts, defendant, who are parties to a divorce action before the court. Mr. Goodrich visited Georgetown Tuesday morning on this mission.



DIMAGGIOS—For the first time since they entered baseball the three DiMaggio boys got together at home in San Francisco, as above. Top, Joe of the New York Yankees, Dominic of the San Francisco Seals, and Vince of the Boston Bees, who recently became a daddy.

"BOIL WATER" ORDER TO L. A. RESIDENTS

Incidence Of Contamination,
Broken Sewer Line Found;
Deaths Now Total 142

By ALAN McELWAIN

LOS ANGELES, (U.P.) — In pots and pans on kitchen stoves, the residents of this city of 1,360,000 boiled their drinking water today. The sewer system broke under the strain of last week's flood, and the water supply is contaminated, though whether from the sewer is not yet known.

Until the cause is known, Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, has warned all persons to boil their drinking water.

Dr. Parrish said contamination of the municipal water supply was discovered in Highland Park, on the east side toward Pasadena, and in a large area of southwestern Los Angeles.

Sewers paralleling the water mains were found to have burst, Dr. Parrish said it had not been established whether there had been seepage from sewer to water mains, but he warned that there was danger of this.

Discovery of a motorist's body in his automobile buried in the sand of the Siuquec river raised the death toll to 142. He was Encarnacion Rivas, 41, who was swept to his death when a bridge was washed out last Wednesday night near Santa Barbara.

PALMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF DONNER LIONS COUNCIL

Lion John H. Palmer, past president of Placerville Lions, was elected vice-president of Donner Council of Lions at a meeting Tuesday night at Sacramento and will next year become the Council president.

The new Council President this year is Lion Harold Hartung, of Grass Valley den, succeeding Dr. Barnes, of Newcastle.

The Council meeting was held at Hotel Senator in Sacramento and paid special compliment to Lion Thomas Maul, district governor of Lions in Zone 4-A.

Among those who attended from the Placerville den were Lions Maul, L. J. Anderson, E. E. Van Harlingen, William Hays, Jack Rhodes, John H. Palmer, C. E. Barker, Bert Pierroz, John Raffetto, Jr., L. D. Forni and Arthur Mart.

Ed. Johnson, Clarksville stockman, was a county seat caller on Wednesday.

H. TOEDT SEEKS COUNCIL POST

Time For Filing Nominating
Petitions Expires At Noon
On Saturday, March 12

Henry Toedt, war veteran, "broke the ice" in the municipal election campaign on Tuesday when he became the first aspirant to take out nominating papers as a candidate for election to the city council at the polls on April 12th.

It was reported Wednesday morning that the petition was being circulated to obtain the not less than five nor more than ten nominating signatures required, following which the filing of the petition will establish Mr. Toedt's candidacy.

With the terms of Councilmen Frost, Hosking and Price expiring this Spring, Mr. Toedt is the only candidate at this writing to indicate an interest in candidacy for election.

Anyone intending to become a candidate must have filed his nominating petition before noon on Saturday, March 12, to qualify himself as a candidate in the election to be held on April 12.

Hold-over councilmen are George E. Faugstad and James K. Pierson.

Weber Retires As Ski Head

Placerville Club Meets On
Thursday Night; Will See
Seven-Reel Motion Picture

Reports on the recent annual meeting of the California State Ski Association, at which A. N. Weber, of Placerville, retired from the leadership after several terms as state president, will be made at Thursday night's meeting of the Placerville Ski Club, to be held at the Superior Court room at the courthouse.

The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock and the first feature of the meeting will be the showing of a seven-reel motion picture, "Glistening Paradise." The business meeting will follow.

Weber, retiring from the state presidency, was elected a delegate to the National Ski Association meeting. The Sacramento Ski Club was voted into association membership, becoming the nineteenth member club.

According to Leon Thomas, publicity officer, the Eastern Sierra club, of Bishop has made a bid for the 1939 downhill slalom, combined and cross-country championships but no award has been made. The jumping championships for next year will be staged by the Mt. Shasta Ski Club.

DOCKWEILER CLUBS MEET AT HOTEL SACRAMENTO WEDNESDAY NIGHT

A joint meeting of the Young Voters Dockweiler Club and the Young Democrats of Northern California, has been announced for this week that should prove exceptionally interesting and enlightening for all Democrats in Northern California. The committee responsible for the meeting arrangements, is composed of Walter Clark, president of the Young Democrats Club; John Lasich, past president; Jack Winn, V. P. of the Young Democrats Club; Dallas Richins, chairman of the board for the Young Voters Dockweiler Club; Carson Sheetz, president of the Young Voters Dockweiler Club; and George Hammond, Jr., secretary of the Young Voters Dockweiler Club.

Wallace B. Colthurst, state executive vice president of the Young Democrats Clubs of California, Inc., will address the meeting, which will afford an opportunity for all attending to meet Mr. Colthurst personally. With Mr. Colthurst, will be two very prominent state legislators who will discuss problems of vital importance before the present special session of the state legislature.

Chairman Carson Sheetz has called the meeting for Wednesday evening, March 9th, and 8 p. m. in the Mirror Room on the mezzanine of the Hotel Sacramento. Members of all democratic clubs, and their friends, are invited.

Wesley Grother was a caller in town Wednesday from the Coloma section.

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FOOLS, FEDERAL MEN
BOSTON, 11 — The "drug peddler" with a sense of humor was taken into custody by Federal agents. His supposed drug capsules were found to contain baking soda. The same peddler, the Federal agents said, sold cat-nip filled cigarettes as marijuana "smokes."

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PARADE OF SPORTS

By HENRY McLEMORE
(United Press Staff Writer)

BELLEFAIR F.A. 11—Her life is almost as simple and patterned as if she were a member of some religious order.

To bed by ten and up, no later than seven. Clothes that are plain, cheap and above all durable. Food that is almost mean in its simplicity. Humble lodgings. No cocktails, no dances, no dates.

Such is the life of the girl tournament golfer—perhaps the truest amateur in sport.

She gets nothing free but headlines and an occasional silver cup or bowl. She must pay her own transportation, her own room and board, must buy her clubs, her balls, her clothes and pay her own caddy.

To accomplish this, most of the golfers whose names you know, and who you might have erroneously pictured as "glamour girls," engage in penny pinching of the highest sort. Most of them are poor.

Even Patty Berg, the most famed of them all, has no easy time of it. Tourist camps are no novelty to her, and her wardrobe is stocked with coarse, serviceable sweat shirts, not soft and clinging silk.

Patty, whose name is a household word, Patty, winner of four major tournaments this winter, came to Placerville in a none too new car and will return to Minneapolis the same way, because it's cheaper. Patty played all last year with a set of clubs that were too light and which cost her strokes—because a new set was too expensive. Patty's shoes are stubbed and worn, and her skirts are faded from the sun.

I talked to Patty's papa, Herman Berg, at St. Augustine last week, and he told me that sometimes Patty's golf was a long, hard pull.

He and Mrs. Berg were living in a tourist camp near the course in an effort to keep within a budget whose biggest item is the \$2,000 that Patty's

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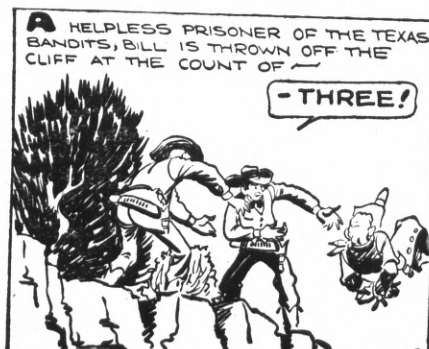
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By Harry F. O'Neill



Letter Trails Couple 3,000 Miles

FREMONT, O. 11—A letter mailed in Bellevue, O., 14 miles distant, to Dr. Sherman McKenney, of Fremont, arrived here two months later after traveling 3,000 miles.

It bore postmarks of Hong Kong, China, Sydney, Australia, Auckland, New Zealand and Los Angeles, Cal., apparently tracing Dr. and Mrs. McKenney, who were on a Pacific cruise.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith and small son, Don, are here from Santa Cruz visiting the former's uncle, Forest Supervisor Edwin F. Smith and family.

Mr. Smith said, "Patty loves the tour, and her travels and associations are a good education. I come down here with her as my vacation, but for the rest of the year I don't miss a day at work."

Some of the girls don't have families who can send them on the tour, so they must make the money themselves. Kathryn Hemphill, the attractive South Carolina girl with the tremendous tee shot, works in a Columbia hotel during the off-season to make her touring expenses.

Marion Miley, one of the finest shot makers in this country, gets help from home but none too much. Her father is a professional in Cincinnati, and her mother supervises the dining room of a club in Lexington, Ky. But Marion manages somehow, and for several years has been one of the outstanding tournament competitors.

Helen Detweiler of Washington, D. C., is another. Helen pays her way by writing and broadcasting. There is a fine camaraderie among the girls. Together for weeks on end, there is a minimum of jealousies and bickerings. Those who have more live modestly with the group, as a rule, and take the one-hundredth of a cent a point bridge just as seriously as do those who can't afford to lose much more than a hundredth of a cent.

They're real amateurs, these gals, playing a game because they love it, and not for what they can get out of it.

Recorder's Filings

March 8, 1938

Location notice, "Hope" placer mining claim, by Lee Adams.

Location notice, "Hope No. 1" placer mining claim by Lee Adams.

Location notice, "Hope Quartz Mine" by Lee Adams.

Deed, George Guches, to Lee Adams.

Deed, Lee A. Sprague and George Guches, to Lee Adams.

Redemption, State of California, to Rudolph Kunigk.

Deed of gift, Henry Kane to Hanna Kane.

Location notice, "Red Banty" by F. R. Shugart.

Grant deed, John A. Clecak and Ada M. Clecak, his wife to C. B. Daniels, a single man.

Location notice, Boulder Placer mine, by Garnet B. Fleming, James Sorensen and Jim Fleming.

Deed, Josephine Vertrees, and Alfred Vertrees, to Susie V. Doak.

Deed of gift, Charles C. Auwater to Eva A. Auwater.

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RESCUE FARM CENTER MEETS TONIGHT AT SCHOOLHOUSE

The regular meeting of the Rescue Farm center will be held this (Wednesday) night, at the Tennessee schoolhouse, at Rescue. Although Rescue center usually meets on the second Friday of the month, the meeting this month was advanced to Wednesday evening to avoid a conflict in dates with another event.

County Farm Bureau directors meet on Thursday night at the Farm Advisor's office.

The Coloma center met Monday night with Lee Veerkamp as acting chairman and the program included a discussion on the canning pear sign-up by Roy Wrinkle, secretary of the Bartlett pear committee, a talk by Harry Cridge, on the recreational program, and a discussion of irrigated pastures and permanent cover crops by the Farm Advisor.

Entertainment features included vocal numbers by Mr. Wrinkle and by Mr. Cridge, and the showing of several reels of motion pictures.

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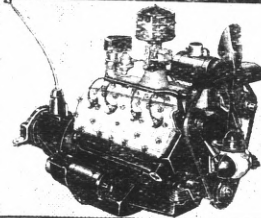
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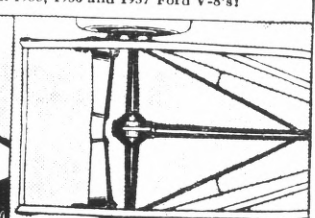
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Conservation Week Points To Need For Guarding Resources

County Timber Wealth Great

6 And Three Quarter Billion Feet Of Merchantable Lumber In U. S. Private Ownership

By SWIFT BERRY
Manager

Michigan-California Lumber Co.
El Dorado County is fortunate in being located in the heart of the California pine timber belt; particularly with reference to the Sugar Pine region. Here both Sugar Pine and Ponderosa Pine tree attain exceptionally good size and quality. The size and excellent stand of timber per acre give El Dorado County a total volume of virgin timber that is large in proportion to the area of the county.

In the timbered portion of the county there are about 150,000 acres of privately owned and 120,000 acres of government owned merchantable timber. On this area there is an estimated stand of five billion feet board measure of old growth timber of merchantable size. Adjoining the west side of this area lies a strip of about 100,000 acres of second growth timber containing an estimated merchantable stand of one and three-quarter billion feet. An idea of volume of this total is six and three-quarter billion board feet for the county, may be gained by comparing it with the board feet of lumber contained in an average five-room house. Between 60 and 65 per cent of this total consists of Sugar Pine and Ponderosa Pine and the balance is made up of Douglas Fir, White Fir and incense Cedar.

That this present stand of timber will contribute to the prosperity of this county for a considerable time in the future may be realized when it is compared with the present lumber production. At the rate of the 1937 lumber cut which amounted to 105 million feet for the county, the above merchantable timber will require 50 years to be cut on the basis of present cutting practice, or probably 60 years or better if the practice is changed to remove more of the inferior species. Privately owned timber is being cut with constantly improving forest practice of leaving young growth and trees capable of producing seed which brings about a continuous supply.

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Tree Breeding In Conservation

Forest Institute Hopes To Speed Growth Of Nation's Commercial Timber Supply

This article by Mr. Weidman, is too long for publication in its entirety this week. The author's qualifications in silviculture have made it possible for him to give us an article so authoritatively and informatively written that it would be a shame to "hash it" by editing. Therefore a portion of the article is printed this week and it will be concluded next week.—Editor

By R. H. WEIDMAN
Superintendent

Institute of Forest Genetics
A unique agency for the conservation of natural resources, located 4 1/2 miles from Placerville, is the Institute of Forest Genetics, founded for the purpose of discovering and breeding relatively fast-growing strains of timber trees. The aim of this research station is to reduce the long time required by Nature's methods to produce lumber and other forest products.

Rapid and abundant in producing many of its plant crops, Nature is exceptionally slow in the production of a timber crop. Eighty to one hundred years are required to grow fair-sized saw logs of Ponderosa pine second growth in this region. The real large lumber trees being logged in the virgin forest today have, in fact, required three or four hundred years to acquire their large size. As trees of such age and size hardly ever be produced in the future, we are concerned here only with second growth. To get an average run of saw-log trees of acceptable size in eighty or one hundred years by Nature's method means that there will always be included trees that are both good and poor in their hereditary qualities. The work of the Institute of Forest Genetics aims ultimately to eliminate the poor trees and concentrate growth on the best types of trees, and thus greatly reduce the time required to grow timber of commercial size.

Just how, you ask, does the Institute go at this matter of discovering, selecting and breeding desirable forest trees. First of all we must realize how trees vary naturally in the mountains. If we take Ponderosa pine, which is one of the most important timber trees not only of El Dorado County and California but all of the western United States, we find that in any one locality there are individual differences. Some individual trees are tall, rapid-growing and of good shape, whereas others are short, limby and of relatively slow growth, just as among animals there are sometimes large and runty offspring in the same litter. We find also that there are climatic differences in the same species of trees, i.e., Ponderosa pines occurring at higher elevations in the mountains are slower growing than those occurring at lower elevations, and also that Ponderosa pines occurring at northern latitudes, like Washington, Idaho and Montana, are ordinarily less rapid

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County's Committee On Conservation Week

El Dorado County's committee on California Conservation Week, March 7 to 14, has Forest Supervisor Edwin P. Smith as chairman and Swift Berry, Lloyd Austin, Glenn Paxton, and Farm Advisor Ivan W. Lilley, as members.

The committee determined that the most appropriate form the observance in this county might take would be to call upon certain "key men" for essays on Conservation subjects which would, with the cooperation of the press, be published in the paper. Extra copies of the paper are being purchased by the committee for distribution to the county schools by the committee, with the request that the teacher read at least one of the essays to her classes.

Social Side Of Conservation

Natural Resources Represent Capital Wealth Of County And Should Be Preserved

By ARNOLD N. WEBER
U. S. Forest Service

Society and community are dependent upon industry for living. Industry, in turn, is dependent upon natural resources for commodities. In El Dorado County, the basic industries are agriculture, lumbering and livestock grazing. Each and every one of these activities is dependent upon conservation of the natural resources for a continued and profitable supply of products. In agriculture, the valuable top soil must be protected from erosion. The timberland must be protected against fire and tree diseases and also must be conserved by proper forestry practices when logged so as to leave a residual stand of thirty timber for cutting in the future. In grazing, the soil and vegetative cover must be protected from fire and erosion so that over-grazing will not take place and thereby destroy the capital for the future.

In addition to the above, the secondary industries, water power development and recreation are dependent upon the natural resources for commodities. The water industry derives its wealth from water stored by dams and conserved by the soil. The watersheds of all streams, in order to perpetuate the hydro-electric business, must be protected from fire and erosion so that silting of the reservoirs will not result.

The recreation industry is based upon natural scenic attractions which man must protect from desecration so that the area will be continuously attractive.

All of the above are the capital wealth of the County. Upon it the people of El Dorado County depend for their livelihood. The correct treatment of this wealth, so as to perpetuate it and not dissipate it, is necessary if the children of today are going to enjoy the same privileges.

Listen! Tom And Bill Talk About White Pine Blister Rust

By DOUGLAS R. MILLER
Associate Forester

Tom and Bill are two mill hand who work in the mill at Camino. Bill is reading a newspaper in which he finds an article on blister rust that interests him. He speaks to his partner about it.

Bill: Look here, Tom. It says a disease called white pine blister rust has been found in California and is spreading over the forests of California.

Tom: Well, that doesn't affect us; we have no white pine around here.

Bill: That's where you are wrong. Our sugar pine is classed as a white pine and is subject to blister rust infection. In fact, the rust has already been found in the sugar pine stands of Northern California, having come in from Oregon and made a known jump of more than one hundred miles in a single year.

Tom: What about El Dorado County? Has the rust been found here?

Bill: No. It hasn't been reported yet. Tom: Then let's not worry about it until it gets here.

Bill: The fact that the disease has not been found yet doesn't mean that it isn't here. It says here that the rust can be present in a tree for three or four years before it is noticed. Furthermore, once the rust gets a good foothold in any area it is too late to avoid big losses. The important thing about it is that the young sugar pine seedlings will be killed before they can grow up, which means that there will never again be a sugar pine cut.

Tom: What does blister rust look

Range Lands In Good Order

Excessive Cropping Results Evidenced In Area Between Forest And Foothills

By LLOYD W. SWIFT
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Generally, range lands in El Dorado County are in a satisfactory condition. This is particularly true of the natural grassland ranges in the western portion of the county, an area where the stock are largely removed to the forest ranges during the summer months.

In the intermediate belt between the natural grasslands and the commercial timber areas there are some examples of range abuse. In the main these areas are associated with the yearlong grazing of cleared lands—lands that undoubtedly at one time supported yellow pine timber. Where the soil is red, the excessive cropping of the forage is strikingly evident in the summer and fall by the absence of plant materials to make the natural soil color. Obviously when this condition prevails, the soil surface is unduly exposed and the valuable top soil subject to removal by wind and rain. Often the reduced capacities make further grazing use uneconomic and the land is allowed to revert to brush and timber.

Within the El Dorado National Forest there are examples of range land erosion. Perhaps the most striking, and certainly the most important, to the livestock people is the gradual destruction of some of the meadow areas. The usual thing is for a gully to "gradually" extend through the fine soil until in the final stages a deep main channel with numerous side feeders results. Of course, the gulley acts as effect drainage ditches and draw off the water needed for maintenance of the natural meadow vegetation. Deprived of moisture, the meadow plants die out and with them goes the carrying capacity and often the profits of the range enterprise.

On many forest ranges meadows provide a small part of the capacity and in such cases probably are not an important factor. On the higher ranges, however, the meadows generally are a vital part of the range, in fact might be considered the key or most important area. They have high capacity and provide a combination of factors such as readily accessible feed and water supply that enables stock to graze with a minimum of effort, as compared with most other mountain ranges. In the final analysis, then, satisfactory meadows should mean good management and income to the operators.

Although considerable of the meadow acreage is in government ownership, perhaps the largest and the best are privately owned. Originally most of the meadows were patented for use in connection with summer dairying, but for the last 20 years or longer have been used by range stock. In many cases there has been a consolidation of ownership, particularly where the meadow area was of sufficient size to have several adjacent owners. Since these private meadow range lands tie into and are used in connection with the other range lands, the Forest Service is as interested in maintaining their carrying capacity as the owners. Therefore, when possible, local forest officers will be glad to assist the owners.

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CARELESSNESS IN LAND MANAGEMENT is responsible for the destruction of this pasture land, which is well under way. This is an example of the waste of our natural resources which it is hoped California Conservation Week may help to halt, by awakening the public conscience to the acute need for adopting definitely constructive practices.

At This Rate, In 30 Years Our Orchards Will Be Abandoned

Top Soil Being Lost By Present Irrigation Methods; Farmers Of County Awakening To Need For Protecting Land Against Erosion; Approved Practices Told

By GLENN PAXON
Placerville Project Manager, Soil Conservation Service

Will Placerville Become Another Ghost Town?

Soil conservation studies have shown that on the average, only one-half of the original top soil remains in the orchards in El Dorado County—most of this has been removed in the last thirty years.

At this rate, in another thirty years our orchards will all be abandoned and without the fruit business, conditions would be bad indeed. This same moving picture has been carried out from beginning to end in numerous towns in the South. There is no doubt in the minds of many that the same will occur here unless action is taken at once to stop this soil erosion.

Most of this top soil is being lost by the present irrigation methods. Water simply cannot run down slopes of 10 per cent to 30 per cent on cultivated land and not sluice considerable soil down with it. The miners used this method but instead, the farmers are losing the gold—their irreplaceable top soil—the part that contains the fertility necessary for the growth of pear trees.

The Placerville area was selected as a demonstration project by the Soil Conservation Service because the Farm Advisor and others had noticed the above conditions and believe that there were methods which could be used by everyone which would prevent most of the soil loss. In the two and one-half years the Service has been here, with the fine cooperation of the farmers and the Farm Advisor, these methods have been installed and they are working.

What are the methods being used by these cooperating farmers? First, in orchards using an annual cover crop system they are reducing the irrigation grades to not over 5 per cent and, if feasible, to 3 per cent. The length of runs has been shortened, permitting a smaller head of water which at the same time prevents water losses due to deep percolation where long runs are used.

The Soil Conservation Service has installed thousands of feet of concrete irrigation pipe to save soil and water in the orchards near Placerville. By this method entire irrigation systems have been revised on the farms so that the irrigation grades were reduced or the runs shortened. The farmers have, in all cases, supplied most of the labor.

Many farmers are not cultivating any more or are planting permanent cover crops or rye grass, red top, alfalfa or clover. Under this condition, the grass roots hold the soil and the water can be flooded down the slopes without fear of it being muddy when it reaches the bottom of the hill. This

protects the pine by taking out the bushes that act as carriers of the disease. It has been proved to be an effective way of stopping the rust.

Tom: The last time I was over at Pino, I saw miles and miles of string lines spread out through the woods like a big spider web. I asked the boys what that was for and they told me that a gooseberry camp had been set up at Butcher's Corral, nearby, and the men were digging up all the gooseberry bushes, using these string lines to lay out the work areas for the crews. They have a big job on their hands; how many acres of sugar pine types are there in El Dorado County?

Bill: Let's see. It says here that El Dorado County has 237,000 acres of sugar pine type, and that there are 1,600,000,000 (one billion six hundred million) board feet of lumber on the stump.

Tom: And what is all that worth?

Bill: At \$4.00 per thousand board feet it is worth about \$6,500,000.

Tom: That is enough to keep our mill going for a few years, alright.

Bill: That is just the point. Sugar pine is the most valuable tree that we

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Forest Playland Benefits County

Financial, Social Gains Through Protection Of Timber Area Are Outlined

By EDWIN F. SMITH
Forest Supervisor

Through the years of occupancy by the white man of what is now El Dorado County some form of conservation must have been practiced in the use of Nature's crops; for upon the soil with the result, today we have an area in a condition, which lends itself to all phases of recreation from the winter sport enthusiasts through to the "Back to Nature Addict."

Had man not practiced some form of conservation of Nature's crops, we would not be in such a satisfactory position for without this background, no area can lend itself to recreation and the industrial business necessary to serve recreationists.

The first form of recreation in the County consisted of the pleasure its own people derived from fishing as boys and girls and the hunting parties of their elders. Then came the movement of entire families as summer campers in the cool shades of the timber covered country for the relief they received from the hot summer climate of their valley homes.

With the advent of the automobile and better roads different recreation uses developed which brought about the necessity for hotels, resorts, hunting lodges, beaches, boating, dancing, camping grounds, swimming, riding, mountain pack trips, etc.

Next came the lodges, churches, municipal camps, etc., establishing permanent places for their members who now return from year to year using such areas and improvements as part of their planned enjoyment and recreation, which the average American family demands as part of their scheme of living.

With further development of mechanical machinery for the removal of snow from roads, the County will soon be able to offer the recreationists the opportunity to participate in all forms of winter sports.

The last lure to our County is the growing demand from retired people to establish their permanent residences within our boundaries to enjoy its pleasures and the excellent climate it affords.

What benefits financially have the people of El Dorado County derived from the development of recreational uses? Without going into a mass of statistics of charts and figures, I will name briefly some such benefits: The construction of taxable property, such as seventy five resorts, hotels, stores, bakeries, gas stations, etc.; the construction of over 2000 summer homes; the construction of twenty different lodges and camps owned by recreation organizations.

From the above the County has added to its taxable property many thousands of dollars.

We now come to the social benefits being derived from recreation, which contribute financially to the welfare and prosperity of the County. The establishment of businesses such as gas stations, hotels, resorts, summer homes, camp and pack stations, must necessarily tie into the human need to serve such industrial businesses to

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Fire Protection Costs \$40,000

Protection Of Forest As Step In Conservation Gives Jobs To From 80 To 100 Workers

By FAY F. MORAN
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When the average man thinks of "fire protection" he thinks in terms of the actual mechanics of extinguishing and preventing fires. And that is, of course, the vital thing—the main product—but like many another business or industry which is engaged in producing an essential commodity or service, in the process of performing its prime function it creates certain valuable by-products. The particular by-product of fire protection that we are here considering we will call "Social Values."

In El Dorado County there are three main forces at work in the business of fire protection: The State Division of Forestry, the U. S. Forest Service, and the private industry comprising the various lumber companies who, in their own interest as well as that of the public, have organized within themselves groups of men who, at the first alarm, are prepared to drop everything else and concentrate on the suppression of fires. These three classes of protection organizations operate only seasonally insofar as fire is concerned, the period of fire danger averaging five to six months through each summer and fall.

The State Division of Forestry, a branch of the Department of Natural Resources, with El Dorado County headquarters located at Camino, employs an average of 35 men every season, engaging solely in fire suppression on state and private lands. Their seasonal employment provides a local payroll of around \$2,000 monthly.

The U. S. Forest Service, with El Dorado National Forest headquarters located in Placerville, employs a seasonal protection force of from 35 to 50 men whose primary duty is to detect, locate and suppress fires, besides continually striving to promote prevention techniques. Their scope of operations is on federal and private

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Before discussing meadow improvement methods, it might be well to consider some of the conditions common to a meadow in satisfactory or normal condition. Naturally, such things as gullies and large patches or areas of barren, trampled soil, would not be present. Instead, there should be a complete plant cover — in the wet and moist portions the roots intermingled to form a sod mat not easily broken even with a shovel. The large streams would be in well defined channels, but small streams would have poorly defined courses. There might be a series of pot holes separated by sodded areas or the water could be spread out and creeping through the vegetation. Where holes or a channel did exist, the grass and other plants would cover the banks and hang to the water's edge. Throw in a sprinkling of variegated flowers, patches of willows, and some fat trout under the sodded banks and the picture is altogether delightful but none the less real.

How is a meadow to be maintained in a productive condition or returned to it if depleted? A number of things can be done when unsatisfactory conditions are present, but in either case proper stocking is the first and foremost. Under no conditions should stocking be such that the natural forage plants are killed out and the soil surface further subjected to erosive forces. In fact, the aim should be to practice conservative use, even to the extent of what might seem waste of forage. In the long run this practice will give the best results on any meadow that is at all subject to erosion.

Where a meadow is in an unsatisfactory condition a number of steps might be taken depending on the conditions. If gullies are present, however, the first action should be to check their advance. This can be done by placing erosion resistant structures in the head. One approach is to remove the overhanging lip and slope the gully head to at least 45 degrees. Then place a mattress of pine needles or straw and cover this completely with large rocks, so that the water must trickle down over the rocks to the gully bottom.

Below the gully plug and at intervals in the channel, erosion dams should be built to raise the water table and collect silt. These structures, like the gully plug, must be carefully placed — not just a tree, log, or stones thrown in a haphazard manner. Dams made of rock are preferable, but various materials depending on their availability can be used. There are points to remember, though.

Needles or straw or gravel if placed under and through the structure will help bind it and check the water and silt. The ends of the dam should be high enough to prevent the water going around and the lower side should extend out as an apron to break the fall. A fairly effective dam can be constructed from green saplings or limbs closely laid with butts down stream and the whole held down by a top layer of rocks. In any event annual maintenance must be given the structures regardless of the materials used.

In some cases marked improvement of the eroded meadows might be accomplished by raising the water table by means of a watertight dam or dams at strategic points in the gullies. An example of this, but built for recreational purposes, is the dam at the lower end of the meadow at the Sacramento Municipal Camp. Here the dam raised the water line so that abundant moisture was again available to the meadow vegetation.

Another, and well known method of

COUNTY'S TIMBER WEALTH WORTHY SUBJECT FOR CONSERVATION

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about continued forest production. Cutting on the areas of government timber sold by the Forest Service is managed with the idea of securing a second crop. Thus with adequate fire protection that by the time the old growth timber is utilized, young growth timber will be available on the cut-over lands for the future production of lumber and forest products.

This annual lumber production of around 100 million board feet is mostly a high quality pine product. The low or grades go chiefly into the manufacture of box shooks used in the shipment of California fruits and vegetables. The medium or shop grades go into the manufacture of doors and window sash in sash and door factories throughout the United States. The select grades are shipped for finish and pattern uses in the United States and a considerable quantity are exported abroad. These lumber shipments bring around two and one-half million dollars into the county annually, the major portion of which remains here in the form of wages and local purchases of supplies.

During the past operating season about 1400 men were employed in logging camps, sawmills and box factories of El Dorado County engaged in the production of the above lumber cut. It is estimated that these men earned and received an annual payroll of over one and one-half million dollars. This indicates that the forest industries occupy a very important position in the well-being and prosperity of the county. Consequently, every resident of the county will benefit directly by adequate protection of its forest from fire, disease and insect attacks.

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meet the needs of the pleasure seeking people.

With a resident population of some 12,000 people of the County, how many individuals and homes are directly benefited and assisted partially or in whole by employment in the industries needed to serve the recreationists? It is safe to state that at least one-fourth of our entire population or 3,000 individuals are benefited directly and at least 2,000 more indirectly.

If our conclusions thus far are correct, the business or financial end of recreation is a vital necessity to our County's wealth to help in supporting nearly every business in the County from the gas station to the sporting goods houses, thus creating a need for more laborers who will then support more homes and will assist more sound communities, which after all, is the sound foundation of a happy and contented people.

In balancing the books, as it were, conservation of Nature's crop has paid El Dorado County financially and socially to date. Therefore, it is up to us as citizens of El Dorado County to continue to protect Nature's gift to us as it has been safeguarded in the past and not allowed it to be disabled or destroyed by neglect or indifference.

Improvement, is the diversion of the stream flow by ditching. Often the water can be used to create new meadow areas where suitable land is available. In other cases, however, it serves to thicken the drier borders of the meadow and hence add to the carrying capacity. Examples of such wise use of water are common, but no doubt the practice should be more general.

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cut and if anything happens to kill them off there will be a lot of mills shutting down because they won't be able to operate on the same scale as before and still make a profit.

Tom: That's hitting pretty close to home when you say that. What is being done to stop the blister rust from coming into El Dorado County?

Bill: I overheard Mr. Berry talking with the forest supervisor the other day about the work in this county and the supervisor told him that more than 145,000 acres had been cleaned up during the past five years.

Tom: How much does that leave unprotected?

Bill: About 122,000 acres, I should say.

Tom: Do you know what is being done to finish the job?

Bill: Only this: The supervisor said that the work would go ahead as fast as money was appropriated and made available by the government. This is a big job and will require several years to finish up. Work is being done on several other forests in California where there are valuable stands of sugar pine.

Tom: I'm glad to hear that the government is behind this work. Do they clean up the land owned by private owners, such as Michigan-California's, as well as government-owned land?

Bill: You expect me to know everything, don't you? I do know that no

distinction is made in working the land due to ownership, because the blister rust does not stop at any one man's fence, but goes right on through as long as there are gooseberry and currant bushes on it. It is no use to protect small spots here and there over a forest for the disease would jump right into it from across the neighbor's fence. Therefore, all land is worked.

Tom: It looks to me that if Camino is to stay on the map this blister rust will have to be controlled. For the sake of my job and yours I certainly hope that no grass grows under the feet of these congressmen when it comes time to allotting money for this work.

ODD FELLOWS INITIATE 2 FRIDAY; PLAN FOR DISTRICT MEETING

Morning Star Lodge No. 20, I. O. O. F., of Placerville, at its regular meeting on Friday evening, will confer the third degree on two candidates, George Van Vleck, noble grand, will preside.

An additional matter of business will be the extending of preparations for a district meeting of the order, to be held in Placerville April 16th, when all lodges of the district will gather. The arrangements for this occasion are being carried forward under the general chairmanship of Arthur Mart, a past grand of the lodge.

FIRE PROTECTION COST \$40,000 ANNUALLY IN CONSERVATION

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lands within the national forest, as well as on private lands located outside the national forest proper but lying within the so-called protection boundaries. This force is employed during the fire season only, and the yearly seasonal payrolls for this class of men will total around \$20,000. The above man and payroll totals do not include any of the regular forest year-long force whose duties, besides fire protection, include general administration, recreation, grazing, timber management, reforestation, improvement, etc.

Then the private operators — the various timber companies engaged in harvesting our large lumber crop — contribute materially to the protection picture, and employ a number of men solely for fire-fighting purposes, so that, entirely aside from their huge production payrolls, they pay out for prevention and protection purposes to the extent of several thousand dollars annually.

Thus, summarizing the three forces, we find an annual local payroll that gives five to six months seasonal employment to from 80 to 100 local men, and amounts to an average of around \$40,000, represented by pay checks that will be cashed in El Dorado banks and most of which will be spent right here in El Dorado County.

In building up a town, a community, or a nation, stability of population and security of the home is one of the most important essentials, and to these essentials it can be seen that fire protection is a liberal contributor, by providing local families with the means of a livelihood and enabling them to become comfortably established in our community and support themselves on a decent scale of living. All phases of community life benefit from this activity; the merchant finds more cus-

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growing than those in more southern latitudes, like California.

Thus we find natural strains of forest trees of a given species. In addition to these individual and climatic varieties that Nature itself has produced, it is possible for man, by his knowledge of genetics and plant breeding methods, to produce strains or varieties artificially. Having the important factors under control, it is believed that the forest geneticist can produce almost anything a particular kind of tree is capable of in the way of height, straightness, rapid growth, as well as size of knots and quality of wood. In other words, he can breed offspring that will be up to the best individuals in these respects.

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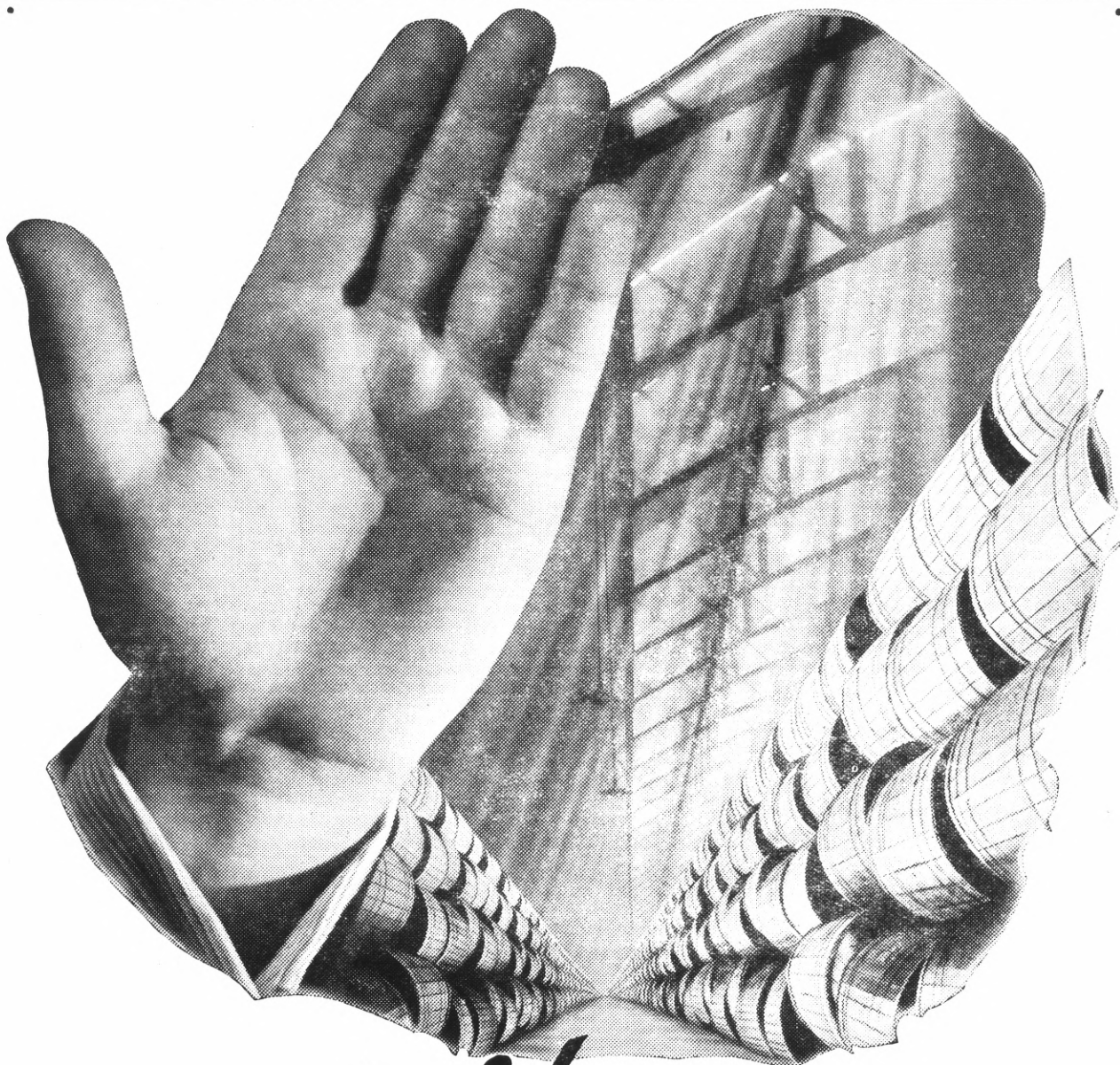
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN — I will not be doing any spraying this spring.

C. E. CRIBBS

tomers for his foodstuffs, clothing, furniture, automobiles, radios; the realtor sells more homes and farms; the farmer and rancher is more secure and needs not worry about being wiped out by fire; the County treasury is enriched by having taxable values preserved and not depleted or destroyed; the public schools have their enrollments increased; social and recreational activity is aided materially.

The foregoing paragraphs point out only some of the many social benefits accruing to this community from the protection activities which take place within it, and in appraising the social side of fire protection, El Dorado County will find much to be grateful for.



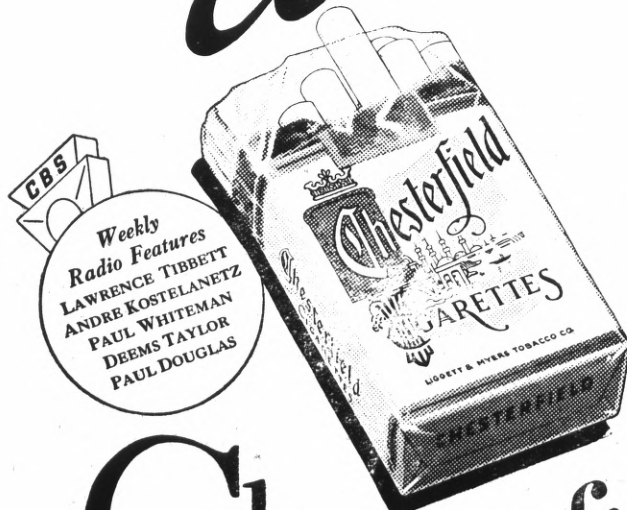
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